Special fund for meeting election expenses

28. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a special fund to finance election expenses of the various political parties as a part of the electoral reforms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by what time the fund is likely to be created; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No Sir. However, the Election Commission, as part of the electoral reforms, has recommended that all legitimate election expenses could be borne by the Government. A decision has yet to be taken by Government with regard to all the proposals for electoral reforms.

Liberalisation of Industrial policy

29. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing further liberalisation of the Industrial Policy; and

(b) if so, the salient features of such liberalisation and the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Liberalisation of the licensing policy and procedure is a continuous process and in pursuance of this policy a number of measures have already been announced by Government such as delicensing of 28 groups of industries and 82 bulk drugs and formulations, broad banding of 33 industries, re-endorsement of capacity with reference to minimum economic scales of operation,, revision of Appendix-I industries, review of industries reserved for exclusive development in small scale sector, adoption of a simplified procedure for recognition of capacity arising out of modernisation/replacement/ renovation of plant and machinery etc. These measures are directed towards removing the irritants in achieving a record industrial growth in the country.

Complaints relating to elections

30. SHI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 16 given in Rajya Sabha on 13th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has since compiled in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officers of the concerned States, the complaints relating to elections and bye-elections held on March 22, 1987 received by them; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The complaints generally relate to misuse of official machinery including the Government vehicles, electronic media like television etc. alleged violation of the Model Code of Conduct for political parties and candidates, alleged wrongful arrest of workers of different parties, booth capturing etc.